

Application No. 09/417,428  
Reply to Office Action of April 9, 2007

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REMARKS

In the Office Action dated April 9, 2007, claims 1-17 are pending, claims 1-6, 8, 9, 16 and 17 are rejected, objection is made to claims 7 and 13-15 and claims 10-12 are allowed. Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in the allowance of claims 10-12. Reconsideration is requested for at least the reasons discussed hereinbelow.

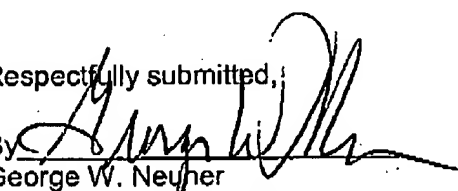
In view of the long examination history, Applicant has amended the claims to facilitate allowance of this application. Claim 7 is amended to be independent by including the subject matter of claim 5 from which it depended. Claims depending from claim 1 have been amended to depend from claim 7.

In view of the above amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending application is in condition for allowance. An early reconsideration and notice of allowance are earnestly requested.

If for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

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